



Important Dates

**Sports Day at SA
Athletics Stadium**
Friday 28 March 2025

Year 3 Mass 9.15am
Thursday 3 April 2025

RMC Assembly 9am
Friday 4 April 2025

**Term 3 Reception
Parent Evening**
Tuesday 8 April 2025

**Student Free Day -
OSHC Available**
Friday 11 April 2025

First Day of Term 2
Monday 28 April 2025

From our Principal



It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers come in to meet with teachers last week during our learning conversations. We know that a strong partnership between school and home is an important factor in student success at school.

We held our School Board Annual General Meeting last week. Thank you to those who were able to attend, there are hard copies of all reports available in the school office.

A special thank you to Michelle Leonardi who has been our staff representative for the past 2 years. Anita Herzig has concluded her tenure on our school board after an amazing 6 years of service, 3 years as school board chair.

I welcome our current members:

Fr Charles Lukati (President)

Kelly Campbell and Belinda Elliott (ex-officio)

Wayne Psaila

Sharyn Gromitsaris

Darren Halsey

Phoebe Tran

Truc Tran

Mandy Webb

Carly Lewis

Luke Hancock

Lucy Krause (Staff Representative)

Our next meeting is Wednesday 14th May (7pm, venue tbc) and we still have capacity for another member, so please email me if you'd like to nominate (Kelly.campbell@smms.catholic.edu.au).

Birthdays are an important day for children! We celebrate birthdays in a fun way by acknowledging children on these special days. I would prefer that you do not bring in party bags on your child's birthday. We have several children with allergies and we do not have the resources to check all bags. However, if you do bring something in, please do NOT bring cupcakes or fresh food (donuts etc), a very small token would be sufficient.

We are, again, dealing with issues online that are occurring outside of school hours. Although we have no control over what happens out of school, teachers are often spending valuable learning time dealing with the consequences of student online messaging and social media use out of school hours. If your child has access to technology after hours, please monitor their use. The eSafety website has excellent resources for parents, including guidelines for technology for school-aged children.

www.esafety.gov.au

Thank you for your support in this important matter.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Sports Day on Friday. It will be a hot day, so please ensure your child has a **hat, drink bottle and has applied sunscreen**. Parents/carers can help us in the smooth running of the day by following teacher direction and following safety instructions. Teachers need to know where your child is at all times, so please let them know if you are taking them to the toilet etc...

Lastly, a reminder that we have a Student Free Day for Preschool-Year 6 on Friday 11th April (last day of term). OSHC is available, please book via www.campaustralia.com.au

Thank you for your continuing support,

Kelly Campbell

Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



I hope that the weeks have been kind to you, as we draw ever closer to the school holidays and Easter.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and caregivers at our 'Calm and Confident Kids' seminar last night. Dr Kirrilie Smout presented an engaging and informative session giving some factors as to why children experience anxiety, and how we can further support our children. A range of strategies were provided for parents/caregivers including; asking more questions, using visuals, calm sentences, busy brain activities, re-direction of energy and focus, helpful thoughts, empathy and encouraging brave behaviours.

If you would like to know more about these factors and strategies, Kirrilie will be sending information handouts to me early next week and I will make hard copies available in our front office or the information can be sent to you via email. If you would like to receive the information via email, please contact Angela in the front office 8245 5800 or send Angela an email to info@smms.catholic.edu.au indicating you would like the Calm & Confident Kids handouts.

Special thanks to Dr Kirrilie Smout and the team at Developing Minds. Their website has a great range of resources, and practical and helpful tips for parents/caregivers. Visit <https://developingminds.net.au/>

I will look forward to seeing many of you at Sports Day tomorrow.

Best wishes for the last few weeks of Term 1.

Belinda

APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We congratulate and hold in our prayers Senna, Katia and Rocio who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 22 March for the first time. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our young people and their families reflect on their conscience through the themes of love and forgiveness. This week, Levi, Zac, Phi Khoi, Lachlan, Mary, Taye and Mason will also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday 29 March. The Reconciliation ceremonies are held in St Margaret Mary's Church from 11:00am.

SMMS Big Water Walk Fundraiser

On **Monday 7 April**, the students will participate in a '**Big Water Walk.**' This fundraising event is inspired by Caritas Australia's Project Compassion stories. Throughout Lent, our classes have been viewing the needs of other children throughout the world <https://youtu.be/03ksUeCX1ME>.

Each year, Project Compassion helps raise our student's awareness. Students learn that many children around the world do not have access to water at school. This has implications, such as dehydration and poor hygiene. Without access to water, children need to be sent home from school and this effects their ongoing wellbeing and education.

So, on **Monday 7 April (Week 11)**, we are inviting all students to wear casual clothing for a gold coin donation. Together, we aim to raise as much money as possible. The children will be encouraged to walk with their drink bottle and will need to wear sneakers and their school hat.

All money raised will be donated to Project Compassion. The generosity of our community will go towards supporting Caritas Australia in their efforts to help schools throughout the world to set up and access a clean source of water. Our efforts, will help children stay at school, build friendships and receive an education. Thank you for your support.

Have a good weekend everyone!



Students are busy preparing for oral assessments . This was a component of assessment which was introduced last year, and the students have requested it again for 2025! As a language teacher it gives me such joy to see the enthusiasm the students have for Italian language learning at St Margaret Mary's School.



NEWSLETTER

RMC

What an amazing start to the year!

RMC have enjoyed a range of learning experiences including Buddies with 2NW, Carnevale, Harmony Week, Liturgies, InitiaLit and more! This week was a very exciting week, with us learning to read our first words AND independently being able to add small collections together using a dice 🎲

TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS

Q: "What have you enjoyed the most this term?"

"I like learning and reading" –**Alith**

"I like to write and learn new letters" –**Angel**

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"Doing counting" –**Anvay**

"Learn writing!" –**Clayton**

"Writing numbers" –**Diamond**

"Being kind and learning about respectful" –**Evabella**

"Learning to play basketball" –**Eric**

"Painting" –**Fatoumata**

"I like to be on SLT" –**Gabriel**

"Learning to do writing words" –**Hruthigna**

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"Playing tag with Thanh Thanh, Ava and Minh Vy" – **Jordan**

"Punjabi The Very Hungry Caterpillar" –**Nimrat**

"Learning math and read letters" – **Quinn**

"I like writing" –**Yan Ni**

"I like to draw" –**Yohitha**

"Math and counting" –**Zachary**

Our learning

Our writing has improved so much this term already. We used the UFLI pre-writing lines before introducing letters through InitiaLit! This helped to develop our fine motor and confidence.

Our work in maths has involved exploring number and how we can make different groups (Part Part Whole!). We can also create and continue our patterns!

Be kind, always

RMC have been learning about being good people and the values they have. We have explored different cultures by participating in Carnevale, participating in writing an Acknowledgement of Country and listening to The Very Hungry Caterpillar in our community languages.





OSHC Holiday Program Schedule



ROCKETEERS



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FUN AWAITS!

YOUR AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

St Margaret Mary's School

Address: 5 Eldon Street CROYDON PARK SA 5008

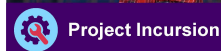
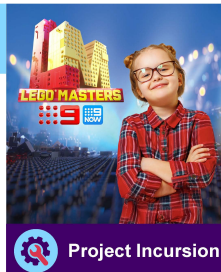
Phone: 0404 452 628 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:15 pm



Mon 14 Apr Special Event: LEGO® Masters Training Day

This is it - your ticket to LEGO masterdom starts here! With special video guidance from Brickman, sharpen your building skills and tackle an epic build challenge.

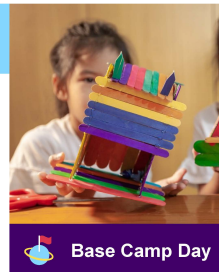
Full Fee \$110.74 | After Max. CCS* \$11.07



Tue 15 Apr Big Art Day: Eco Masterpieces

Everyone's favourite day is back - and it's time to think BIG! Transform recycled materials into spectacular sculptures. Robots, animals, or wild inventions—the only limit is your imagination.

Full Fee \$88.74 | After Max. CCS* \$8.87



Wed 16 Apr Project: Day Dreamers

Grab your PJs and join us for the ultimate feel-good day! Build a teddy with a recorded message, make yummy banana sushi and take part in wellness activities. It's a cosy, happy adventure to remember!

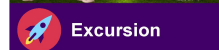
Full Fee \$110.74 | After Max. CCS* \$11.07



Thu 17 Apr Special Event: Adelaide Crows FC

Step inside the home of the Adelaide Crows for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour! Meet a player or team mascot and explore elite training facilities to remember this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

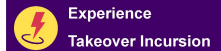
Full Fee \$141.24 | After Max. CCS* \$14.12



Tue 22 Apr Experience Takeover: Move & Groove Challenge

Get ready to dance, dress up, and take on the ultimate challenge! Learn your favourite dance moves, recreate viral trends, and bring the fun to life with exciting dress-up challenges. Strike a pose and own the stage!

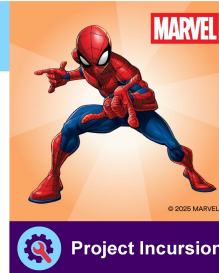
Full Fee \$117.12 | After Max. CCS* \$11.71



Wed 23 Apr Project: Super Hero Academy

Swing into action! Build your own Bolt Blaster, craft Spider-Man masks, and join an epic Super Hero treasure hunt to help the masked heroes save the world from a powerful villain!

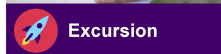
Full Fee \$134.34 | After Max. CCS* \$13.43



Thu 24 Apr Adventure: The Great Escape at Adelaide Gaol

Experience The Great Escape program and explore what life was like being locked up! Crack a secret code to uncover a true story about the gaol, hold real artefacts from the past, and play handball and hopscotch in the prisoner's recreation area!

Full Fee \$130.74 | After Max. CCS* \$13.07



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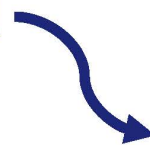
Fr Charles Lukati will run the
Clare Valley Half Marathon on Sunday April 6
to raise money for Cancer Council SA.

Please help him support everyone affected by cancer.

The target has been set at \$20,000.

Let's see how far we can reach!

Donate here!



Cancer Council
Do It For Cancer



School Times & Term Dates

Front Office: 8.30am - 3.45pm

Student Supervision: 8.30am - 3.20pm

Classes: 8.45am - 3.00pm

2025

Term 1: Tuesday 28 January to Friday 11 April;

Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July;

Term 3: Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September;

Term 4: Monday 13 October to Friday 12 December

Preschool Times



Group 1: Monday & Tuesday 8.45am - 2.45pm;

Odd Wednesdays 8.45am - 2.45pm

Occasional Care: Wednesdays 8.45-11.45am (bookings required)

Group 2: Even Wednesdays 8.45am -2.45pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

Playgroup: Fridays 9.15-10.45am

Uniform Shop Times



Tuesday: 2.30pm - 3.30pm;

Friday: 8.30am - 10.00am

Crossing Monitors



Thank you to these students who have volunteered to be crossing monitors:

Week 10: Khris, Kallen, Ryan

Week 11: Annika, Katelyn, Cameron

Student Absences

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0497 901 493

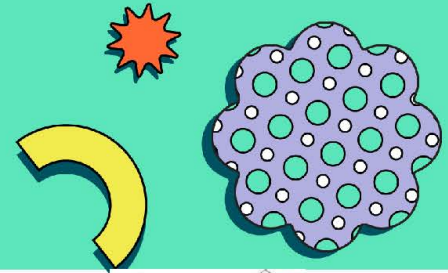
Croydon Park Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

OSHC News

Newsletter



Date St Margaret Mary's 24th March 2025



Hi Everyone,



Last week we celebrated Harmony Week at our OSHC service, it was a time to celebrate diversity, inclusion, and belonging. We engage children in activities that promote cultural awareness, such as storytelling, arts and crafts, and cooking experiences from different cultures. Through group discussions and interactive experiences, we encourage children to appreciate and respect each other's backgrounds. Our goal is to create an environment where every child feels valued and included, reinforcing the message that "everyone belongs."

This week at our OSHC service, our theme focuses on **dental health**, helping children understand the importance of good oral hygiene. Through interactive activities, such as brushing demonstrations, craft projects, and discussions on healthy eating for strong teeth, we encourage lifelong dental care habits. We also incorporate fun storytelling and games to make learning engaging, reinforcing the importance of regular check-ups and daily brushing.

WEEK 10		Everyone's In Game, Fairy Jelly Cups, Mini Muffins
Monday		
Tuesday		Turtle Craft, Indian Lemon Rice, Popcorn
Wednesday		Ninja Turtle Tag, Tomato & Spinach Pasta, Jam Drops
Thursday		Ball in a Cup, Pizza Scrolls, Crunchy Honey Joys
Friday		Crafting Confidence, Mini Pancakes, Aussie Fairy Bread



Please phone Camp Australia 1300-105-343 for bookings, rebates will apply.

To find out more about the program, view fees and to register, visit.

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Keep Smiling 😊 Louise, Jenny, Harpreet and Helen

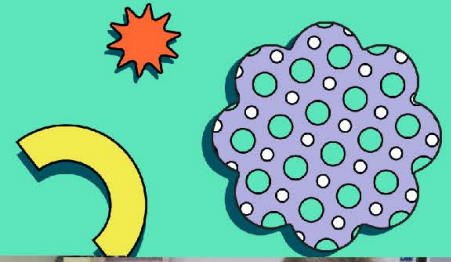


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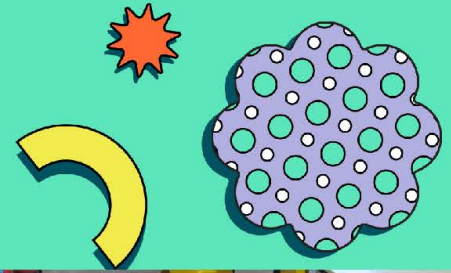
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HOLIDAY CAMP



FREE Squash Stars Holiday Camps – Fun, Fitness & Friends!

Looking for a free, action-packed holiday activity for your child? Squash Stars Holiday Camps are the perfect way to keep kids (ages 6-12 years) active, engaged, and making new friends these school holidays!

Date: 24 April, 9:00am - 3:30pm

**Location: Next Generation Squash Club
War Memorial Dr, North Adelaide**

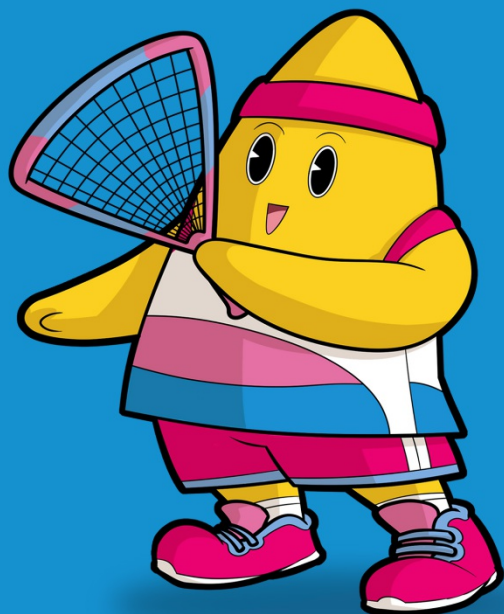
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- Enjoyable squash games
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- Fun activities
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Give your child the chance to try something new, stay active, and have a blast these holidays.



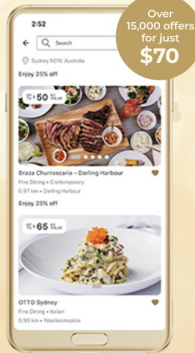
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